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Gas Allocations Concern Town Dealers

By Joanne Brown

The recently-reactivated Energy Commission met last Thursday night with representatives of the gasoline stations here in Agawam. Although all were invited to attend the meeting, only five station owners actually came. A telegram from the F.L. Roberts Company was sent in place of dealers attending.

According to Louis Draghetti, Coordinator for Energy for the town, the representatives who attended were independent dealers who expressed concern about the amount of gasoline presently being allocated to Agawam. Tom Binning, Tony Kryzkowski, Larry Burris, Peter Perrotta, and Dante Mutti were those dealers who questioned where the gas allotment that went to those 9 or 10 stations in town which have closed over the past few months has gone.

According to Draghetti, last year approximately a half million gallons of gas per month was distributed in town through those stations now closed. "Since Agawam's current allocation of gas is 70% of that consumed in the prior year, we're talking about a lot of gas, and there is a

definite question about where the gas meant for those stations is and how we can get it," Draghetti said.

One item that was brought out at the meeting was the fact that the F.L. Roberts Company has bought out the defunct dealerships of the closed Yankee Oil stations in town. Draghetti explained, "That means that the gas meant for those dealerships can be rerouted anywhere they think fit, not necessarily to the stations in Agawam."

The telegram sent by the F.L. Roberts Company to the Energy Commission stated that their stations this week would resume full operating hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. until they run out of gas. They indicated this may occur by mid-July.

The dealers present at the meeting stressed that they feel that Governor King's guide lines for the gas crisis are not enforceable. They believe that minimum purchases encourage longer lines because a driver will simply go from line to line to fill up. The consensus of the dealers' opinions, according to Draghetti, is

that they just want to fill the cars up and get them out of the lines. The dealers also felt that the 1/2-tank criteria and the odd/even system for Connecticut cars crossing the border were time-consuming and difficult to enforce.

Of major concern to the dealers was the lack of available application forms necessary to obtain gasoline set aside by the state for emergencies. They have depended on their suppliers to provide the forms and prefer instead that a local government office handle them.

Draghetti and Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, who is also a member of the Energy Commission, plan to travel to Boston this week to investigate ways to ease the situation in Agawam. Draghetti is planning to obtain application forms for the gasoline set aside for emergencies to have on hand for whenever necessary. They also plan to speak with Representative Edward Connelly in regards to information on gasoline allocations.

Draghetti emphasized that they are definitely going to try to help town dealers and to try to ease the gasoline problems for town residents.

On Vacation? Have Mail Held

Contacting your post office about holding or forwarding mail before leaving on vacation will turn out to be time well spent, Postmaster Robert DeForge reminded residents of Agawam recently.

"Letting mail or newspapers overflow a mailbox literally advertises that a house or apartment is empty and unguarded," Postmaster DeForge said. "and

amounts to an open invitation to burglars."

The postmaster suggests that householders ask a friend or neighbor to empty their mailbox daily when they're going to be gone for a relatively short time, have the post office hold the mail as long as 30 days, or have it forwarded to a vacation address.

He also offered some other tips for vacationers. First, buy enough stamps

or post cards and other correspondence before leaving on vacation.

Remember to use the right amount of postage - 15 cents for post cards and 15 cents for letters that weigh one ounce or less. For letters that weigh more than one ounce, the additional postage is 13 cents an ounce.

Make sure that you deposit mail where it is most frequently picked up; when possible, at post offices or in downtown business-district collection boxes.

Take along an address book that includes ZIP codes of those you plan to correspond with.

Postmaster DeForge also says taking the time to write legibly will help immensely in getting cards and letters to their destinations more quickly.

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Landers Bid To Oust Manager Fails

Caputo Remains At Top

An attempt by Councilor Floyd Landers to oust Town Manager Peter Caputo from office backfired last Monday night when the majority of the Town Council supported Caputo's tenure at Town Hall.

On The Table

Caputo received 8 votes to table indefinitely a motion sponsored by Council President Richard Theroux that would have ended the Manager's stewardship.

Theroux, a staunch supporter of Caputo and the town's present form of government, said that his motion was a vote of confidence for Caputo. Councilor William Herd, who sponsored the motion to table Theroux's proposal, indicated that he was not happy with Caputo's performance and that Theroux's vote of confidence intention needed to be nullified at that time. Councilors Frederick Nardi and Stephen Cincotta voted against Herd's motion to table.

Nardi was upset over the nature of Herd's motion. While both Nardi and Cincotta have voiced their support for Caputo, Nardi said that the move

to table Theroux' motion to fire Caputo "was pussyfooting around with the matter."

Fire Him Or Keep Him

Declared Nardi, "I really cannot understand the motion to table this thing. We should either vote to fire the Manager or to keep him. Tabling it really isn't doing very much."

Councilors Kenneth Barnes and Paul Paleologopoulos abstained from the roll call vote.

Landers attempt to fire Caputo was quite anticlimactic after the pre-meeting build-up of his intentions. The matter to fire Caputo began when Landers blasted Caputo for hiring the daughter of Councilor Barnes for a position in the Parks Department. Landers charged the manager with patronage and also added that nepotism at Town Hall was a very "serious problem in the community."

Landers demanded that Caputo reveal the names of all municipal employees who were related to elected officials. Caputo denied all the allegations of nepotism and patronage at Town Hall and refused to resign from

office, a demand put forth by Landers. A series of charges and counter-charges followed the exchange between the Councilor and Manager. Landers then indicated he would seek to terminate Caputo's tenure at the July 2 meeting of the Council.

Lacked Evidence

As it became clearly evident that Landers lacked Council support and the documented evidence to nix Caputo from his municipal seat at the regular council session, he agreed to a proposal that would spell out the Council's position on municipal hirings. Included in this resolution would also be the Council's position on Caputo's appointments to municipal boards, another area on which Landers had blasted Caputo.

Debate on the Landers attempt to fire Caputo was charged and often emotional. Even when the Councilor attempted to suspend the rules in order to place the item on the agenda, various councilors became embroiled in heated discussion. It was quite apparent that the entire body wished to discuss the Landers accusations of Caputo. Councilor

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The Paws That Refreshes



Dutchess, 10 month old German Shepard, keeps cool as the temperature soared to 90°. Dutchess is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Channel Drive, Agawam. photo by Jack Devine



WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

6:00 Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger (G-1:53)
 8:00 Special: The Golden Age of Buster Keaton
 9:30 Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger (G-1:53)
 11:30 The Boys in Company C (R-2:05)

THURSDAY, JULY 12

5:30 Boxing: The National Collegiate Boxing Association Finals
 7:00 The Olympiad: The 800 Meters
 8:00 The Seekers: Parts I & II (PG-3:19)
 11:30 Special: Steve Martin: The Funnier Side of Eastern Canada
 12:00 Silver Bears (PG-1:53)

FRIDAY, JULY 13

5:00 Jack and the Beanstalk (G-1:32)
 6:30 Boxing: The National Collegiate Boxing Association Finals
 8:00 On Location: Rich Little and the Great Pretenders
 9:30 The Boys in Company C (R-2:05)
 11:45 Acapulco Gold (PG-1:32)
 1:15 Blackout (R-1:27)

SATURDAY, JULY 14

2:30 Special: UpClose
 3:30 The Seekers: Parts I & II (PG-3:19)

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7:00 Special: Steve Martin: The Funnier Side of Eastern Canada

SUNDAY, JULY 15

2:30 Special: The Golden Age of Buster Keaton
 4:00 The Apple Dumpling Gang (G-1:48)
 6:00 Silver Bears (PG-1:53)
 8:00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (PG-1:28)
 9:30 Special: The Golden Age of Buster Keaton
 11:00 An Unmarried Woman (R-2:05)

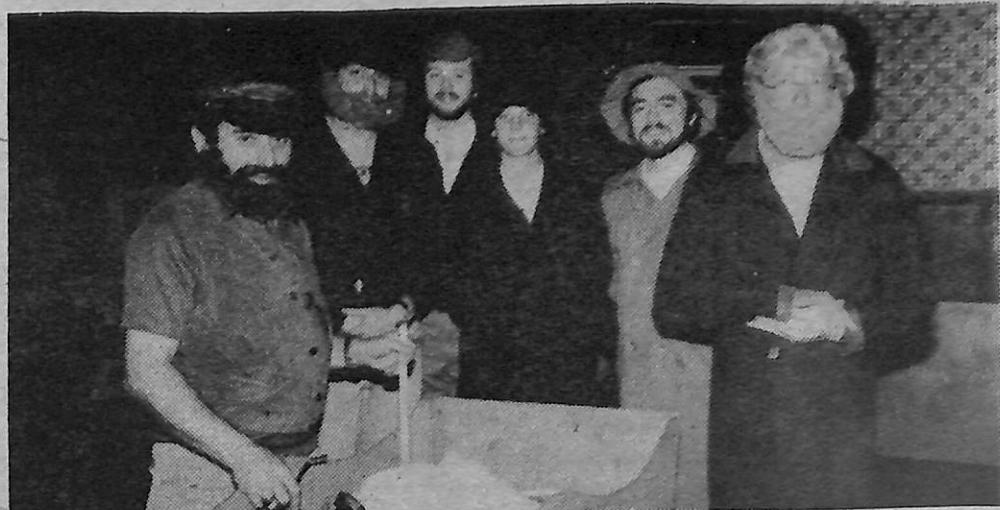
MONDAY, JULY 16

6:00 Corvette Summer (PG-1:45)
 8:00 Baseball: Race for the Pennant — Halfway to the World Series
 9:00 Let's Do It Again (PG-1:53)
 11:00 The Olympiad: The 800 Meters
 12:00 The Boys in Company C (R-2:05)

TUESDAY, JULY 17

6:00 The Seekers: Part I (PG-1:42)
 8:00 Special: The Best of the Chipperfield Circus Part II
 9:00 Bloodbrothers (R-1:56)
 11:00 Blackout (R-1:27)
 12:30 First Love (R-1:31)
 7:30 Standing Room Only: Abracadabra! It's Magic!
 9:00 Bloodbrothers (R-1:56)
 11:00 Corvette Summer (PG-1:45)
 1:00 First Love (R-1:31)

Dinner Theater at Silver Carriage



Some members of the cast of "Fiddler on the Roof" now playing at the Silver Carriage Inn Dinner Theater are shown above. From left to right they are: Jerry Rubin, Jeff Lavin, Omar Sielawa, Valerie Feinstein, Jerry Cinnamo, and Cliff Langford. photo by Jack Devine

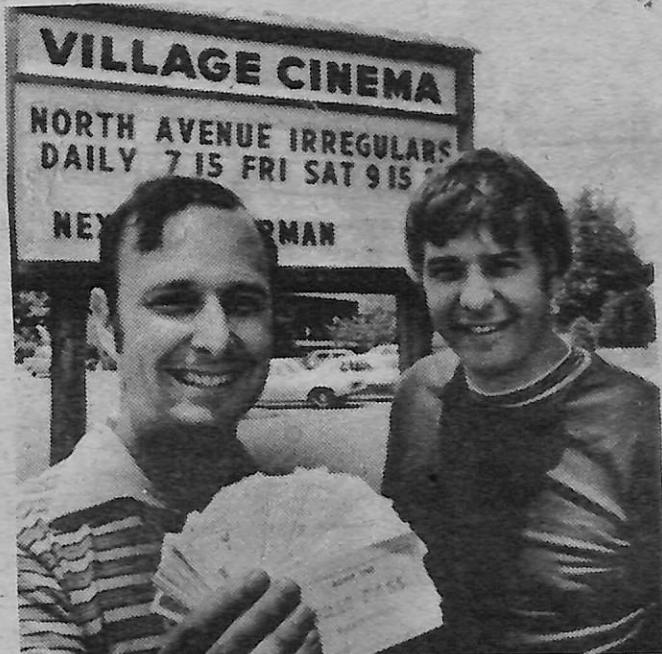
Dinner theater has come to Agawam, and its beginnings hold a promise for some much needed entertainment in our town.

I'm referring to the Silver Carriage's new dinner theater which currently features the hit show 'Fiddler on the Roof'. Presented on weekends by Jerry Rubin Productions, 'Fiddler', starring Jerry Rubin in the lead as Tevye, brings to Agawam something much needed in the line of entertainment - a 'night out' without having to travel out of town.

The show was delightful. The production was as good as any 'Fiddler' we've seen, and the company did an excellent all-around job of acting, singing and staging.

The Silver Carriage Dinner Theater offers a choice of one of four dinners: roast beef, baked stuffed shrimp, sirloin steak, or stuffed breast of capon and the show for a nominal \$11.00 per person. Or, if you prefer, you can see the show alone for \$5.00. Either way, it will be an evening well spent.

Cinema Winner



John Vivian of Enfield, one of the winners of Village Cinema's Birthday Giveaway, displays the 52 free passes presented to him by Cinema co-owner John Baranski. The Suffield theater was celebrating its first successful year as a 99 cents cinema.

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Senior Center Dedicated

On Sunday, June 24th, ceremonies were held at the Agawam Senior Center off Wright Street to dedicate the building to the memory of the late James T. Bava.

Mr. Bava had been a member of the Agawam Housing Authority board for many years. He had worked hard, giving unselfishly of his time and

energies toward the many hours of planning for a building which could be used by all of our town's elderly citizens. He never lived to see its completion.

He was a person of dedication who would fight for and speak out for what he believed in. He was a man who was respected and admired by all who knew him. Each

Housing Authority has a labor representative on the board. Mr. Bava more than adequately fulfilled this requirement for Agawam.

The Senior Center houses the office for the Agawam Housing Authority. All Council on Aging activities are conducted there and include daily hot luncheons, the

meals on wheels program, foot care clinics, blood pressure clinics, arts and crafts programs, an elderly day care program, square dancing lessons, and trips. It is the home for the Golden Age Club meetings also.

Past and present Housing Authority members, who were unanimous that the building be dedicated in memory of Mr. Bava, include Frank Chriscola, Jr., Raymond Charest, Roland Corriveau, Douglas Daubney, James Harkins, Daniel Binnendake, Rosemary Sandlin, and Nicholas DePalma.

The following resolution was proposed and unanimously voted for by the present members:

"WHEREAS, James T. Bava spent freely of his time and energies while serving on the Agawam Housing Authority; and WHEREAS, James T. Bava contributed toward the eventual building of a permanent Senior Center building to benefit our senior citizens of the Town of Agawam; THEREFORE, we the members of the Agawam Housing Authority, on this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord,

1979, do hereby resolve that the Agawam Senior Center will hereafter be known as the James T. Bava Senior Center."

About 150 friends, family, and town and labor officials were present at the dedication ceremonies. Mrs. Bava was presented a plaque for her home containing the resolution in remembrance of that day.

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At Senior Center dedication, from left to right are: Frank Chriscola, Jr., Chairman of the Agawam Housing Authority; Mrs. James T. Bava, Mrs. Phyllis Mason, Executive Director of the Agawam Housing Authority. photo by Jack Devine

Senior Center Wright Street, Agawam

7/11: Soup, cold cuts, French bread, cherry pie
7/12: veal patties, Spanish rice, jello
7/13: Cold fried chicken, potato salad, pickles, cake

7/16: Manicotti, lettuce, peaches
7/17: Spinach pie, stewed tomatoes, fruit
7/18: Hamburg-noodles cassarole, bean salad, ice cream
7/19: Lamb patties, potato puffs, cabbage, jello
7/20: Fish poached on vegetables, mashed potatoes, apple turnovers

Our birthday party will be August 1st, a month late, but it will be a great one. Please make your reservations in time.

The trip to Northfield on July 13th will leave at 9:30! Please correct your little "memory slips." We could not get on the 4 p.m. boat, but will go on the 12 noon boat. The picnic will be before the boat ride.

On August 15th, we will have a trip to Riverton, Conn. to the Hitchcock Chair Factory and the Hallstead Museum. Price for everything, including lunch at the Riverton Inn, is \$9.75.

Dr. Haynes' foot clinic will be July 11th. The nurses' foot clinic will be July 19th. The hypertension clinic for names M-Z will be July 17th.

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Social

Local Students Attain AIC Dean's List

American International College in Springfield named 381 students to the Dean's List for the spring semester. These are fulltime, undergraduate students who have distinguished themselves by outstanding scholarship during the past semester.

Students from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area attaining this honor are as follows:

From the School of Psychology & Education: John P. Conroy, 780 Suffield Street; Theresa M. Hart, 111 High Street; Kathryn A. Montagna, 69 Park View Drive; and Chester Zymroz, 118 Meadowbrook Road.

From the School of Business Administration: Thomas K. Harkins, 39 Belvedere Avenue; Mark

R. Proulx, 117 Brien Street; and Steven C. Mercadante, 523 Mill Street.

From the School of Liberal Arts: Ann Marie Favreau, 90 Pleasant Drive; Christopher Johnson, 25 Valentine Terrace; Patrick S. Nolan, 7 Highland Street; Dennis M. Roberts, 61 Arbor Lane; Craig M. Rovelli, 79 Lincoln Street; and Peter J. Theodorowicz, 44 Silver Lake Drive.

Attaining the Dean's List from Southwick are Ronald A. Dowding, 11 Southwick Hill Drive, and Dean M. Rankin, 216 College Highway, from the School of Business Administration.

On the Dean's List from the Division of Nursing is Patricia D. Haracz, 505 Hillside Road, Southwick.

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Ruth E. Bradford

Ruth Bradford Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley E. Bradford of 21 Oxford Street, Agawam, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Ruth Elizabeth to Richard Wayne Ramponi.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College's School of Nursing, is a registered nurse employed at Heritage Hall in Agawam.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Ramponi of 105 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, also graduated from Agawam High School and attended STCC. He is employed by Shop-Rite of Westfield and is a sales associate with Gove Realty of Agawam.

The couple will exchange vows in August at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

Gloria Stefanik Graduates

Gloria Stefanik of Agawam was one of 27 nurses from a dozen Western Massachusetts hospitals to have graduated from comprehensive course in emergency medical care.

The 140-hour "Critical Care Emergency Department Nurse Education Program" was coordinated by the Mass. Office of Emergency Medical Services, and five area hospitals sponsored the course.

The CEDNEP course

was developed to bring the latest information and skills to practicing emergency room nurses throughout Massachusetts. The course combines lectures with practical experience on a community ambulance and at a burn care center. The American Heart Association Advanced Life Support course is also included in the program.

Ms. Stefanik is associated with Baystate Medical Center-Springfield Unit.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 11 - Aug. 15
Summer Reading Club
Agawam Library
10 a.m.
(on Wednesdays only)

July 17, 1979
Community Grange
Annual Picnic
Grange Home, North
West Street, F.H.
6:30 p.m.

July 17, 1979
Herbal Luncheon
Storrorwtown Stage
Coach Barn
12:30 p.m.

July 12, 1979
Bloodmobile
Heritage Hall
Nursing Home
Cooper St. Agawam
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July 11 - Aug. 29
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Movies Slated At Agawam Library

Wednesday night is movie night this summer at the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street. The following is a list of movies to be shown as indicated from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

July 11: Christmas in July! Christmas Cracker; The Snowy Day; Little Drummer Boy; Pluto's Christmas Tree; and A Christmas Fantasy.

July 18: Trail Bike Riding Tactics; Time Piece; Time of Wonder; Tikki Tikki Tembo.

July 25: Little Fable; Life in an Old Dead Tree; K-9000: A Space Odyssey; Jazoo; Jenny's Birthday Book.

August 1: The Hand; Free To Be You and Me.

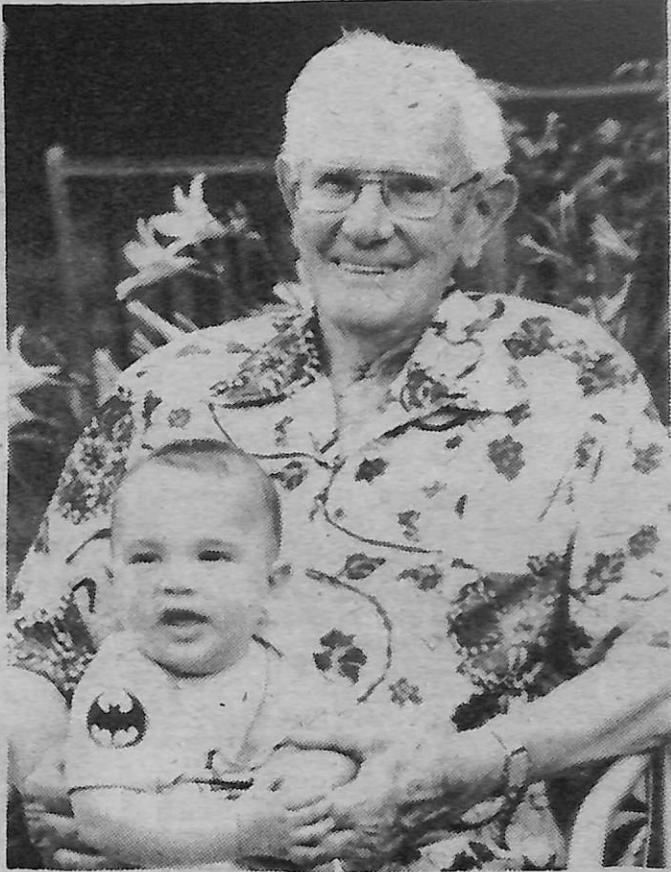
August 8: One Day At Teton Marsh; Of Cats and Men.

August 15: Crayon; Crow Boy; A Chairy Tale; Catch the Joy.

August 22: Secrets of the Sea; Selfish Giant; Scribbling Kitten; Rainshower; People Soup.

August 29: Stuart Little

Shields Celebrates 95th



Robert Shields with his great grandson, Kevin David Guitus. photo by Jack Devine

A 95th birthday party for Robert Shields was held in the yard of his home at 139 Elm Street, Agawam, on July 8, 1979.

Present were two great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren from Vallejo, California; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren from Grand Prairie, Texas; one great granddaughter and two great great grand-

children from Greenville, Maine; two grandchildren from Fort Meyers, Florida; and many others from local towns. Seventy five relatives and friends in all gathered to celebrate.

Rev. Floyd Bryan of the Agawam Congregational Church baptized the youngest great, great grandchild during the gathering.

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A History Of Agawam's Newest Fraternity

On Sunday, March 2, 1924, eleven Master Masons met at the White Church on Elm Street in West Springfield to discuss the formation of Elm Lodge. At that time a petition was signed requesting concurrent jurisdiction from Mt. Orthodox in West Springfield and Agawam. The first Master of Elm Lodge was Harrison E. Dunbar.

Since the Masonic temple at the White Church was located on Elm Street, the name *Elm* was chosen for the new lodge. The Grand Master granted the dispensation, and Elm Lodge was instituted in May of 1924.

Elm Lodge grew rapidly until the depression years of the thirties when applications were a little less numerous. The big flood of 1936 and the hurricane of 1938 followed by the clouds of war and, finally, our involvement in the Second World War, did not discourage their members and their persistence was rewarded.

In 1946, when the war ended, Elm Lodge had grown to 220 members. In 1949 when Samuel J. Howley was Master, their 25th anniversary was celebrated, and the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Roger Keith, and his officers came to West Springfield to help them celebrate their first 25 years in Masonry.

By 1954, Elm Lodge had almost doubled its membership, and they became known as the "Travelling Lodge" as they had travelled extensively throughout New England as well as Nova Scotia, Montreal, New York, and Washington D.C. Visiting other lodges as they love to do gives them the opportunity to cement new friendships and entertain those they have visited.

Over the years Elm Lodge has had many accomplishments, and one of the most important is the record it has established in the Masonic Blood Program. They have exceeded their quota every year but one since this program was established.

In 1974, Elm Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary with William L. Sieber as Master. Again that anniversary, like their 25th, was graced by the presence of the Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, Donald W. Vose, and his officers.

Many members of Elm Lodge have been honored by being chosen to serve as officers in the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Among them were Edson S. Dunbar, who served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Springfield 33rd Masonic District as well as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Boston. The latter honor is now held by Raymond W. Williamson of Elm Lodge and also a resident of Agawam.

Now that they are mov-

Special Needs Camp Now Underway

ing to Agawam, they are looking forward to a continuation of their successes of the past. They have been most pleased by the warm and friendly welcome they have received from the different people they have met in Town Hall, and they feel that the cooperation of so many people reassures them that they made a wise choice in moving Elm Lodge to Agawam.

They promise to be a most active fraternity and hope to prove to all that Elm Lodge of Masons are also very good for the Town of Agawam.

Camp Rainbow, Agawam's summer day camp for special needs children, began its third year of operation last week at Robinson Park School.

The camp began with an orientation for its 25 full and part-time staff on July 2nd and 3rd, and it opened for students on July 5th. An enrollment of 37 students was reported by Dr. Neil Wilensky, Camp Director.

The activities for the first day included the regular full schedule of arts and crafts, swimming, music, physical education, and recreational events.

Last week's highlight was Friday's outing at Look Park in Florence where the campers enjoyed a day which included hiking, boating, swimming, train rides, recreational games, and a cookout.

This week's major trip will be a visit to Sturbridge Village on Friday, July 13th.

Other activities which are planned for the summer are weekly bowling trips, roller skating, Mt. Tom's Alpine Slide, and museum and aquarium trips.

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Baystate Medical Nursing Grads



Maureen Rogers, left, of Feeding Hills was the recipient of the Terry Reed Deveno Nursing Memorial Award at Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing graduation. Presenting the award is Jeanne Murphy, director of Patient Relations at the Medical Center.

"Birding on Bicycles" Offered

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a different kind of nature program for adults beginning Thursday, July 19, at 9:30 a.m.

Animal Care Supervisor Su Jewell will travel along tree-lined streets with participants in the two sessions entitled *Birding On*

Bicycles. The two-hour bike trips are designed to be leisurely, safe, and informative.

This program is open to all adults with their own bicycles and a fee is charged. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

Summer Reading Club Scheduled At Library

The Agawam Public Library's Summer Reading Club has received over 250 registrations for the Wednesday morning programs slated to begin on July 11th at 10 a.m.

All children who have signed up will participate in both a reading incentive program and in the performances by artists and musicians. Children are asked to bring their library cards in order to take advantage of borrowing the newest and best books the library has at various reading levels.

Awards for attendance and participation will be presented at the final meeting.

Performances have been scheduled as follows: July 11: Lore and music from the Ozark Mountains with Bill and Susan

Baystate Medical Center's School of Nursing recently awarded diplomas to 52 students. At a ceremony held at Our Lady of the Elms College, six special awards were presented to graduates who demonstrated exceptional academic and professional achievements.

The Terry Reed Deveno Nursing Memorial Award was presented to Maureen E. Rogers of Feeding Hills, who was chosen as the student who best exemplifies excellence in bedside nursing care.

Local students who are among this year's nursing graduates are Paula S. Hardina, Beth Harrington, Deborah Roberts, and Maureen Rogers from Agawam and Ann Marie Rankin from Southwick.

Community Grange will hold its annual picnic on the lawn at the Grange Home at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17.

A buffet-style picnic supper will be served with members asked to bring food with the exception of the meat which will be purchased from the lecturer's fund. All who intend to attend the picnic are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Elise Bradway

(786-1409) to arrange for the food needed for the buffet.

The regular business meeting will be called to order at 8 p.m. in the Grange Hall followed by the lecturer's program. At this time, we would like to hear of your memories and see pictures, if possible, of vacations enjoyed. A five-minute time limit on each speaker will be established.

Herbal Luncheon Scheduled

Treat yourself to a delightfully refreshing Summer Herbal Luncheon, Tuesday, July 17, at Storroron's Stagecoach Barn.

The luncheon, sponsored by Storroron Village Museum, will feature summer specialties of green salads, fruit salads, and other cooling taste-tempters.

June Cook, Storroron Village Museum Director, will speak on herbal "go-togethers." A summer punch to whet your appetites.

petite will be served at noon, followed by a well-balanced buffet of summer foods at 12:30.

Plan to spend your afternoon at the Village -browse in the gift shop, look over the summer exhibit in the Red Barn, and enjoy the sights and smells of growing herbs in the peaceful village atmosphere.

Make your reservations now by calling 736-0632; seating is limited.

Genesis Center Offers Summer Workshops

Three new workshops will be offered at Genesis Spiritual Life Center this summer. All open on Friday evening and close at noon on Sunday.

Midge Miles will conduct two of these programs. Through the "Images Of Women" workshop from July 27-29, participants will explore together folk tales and fairy tales as well as scriptural accounts of women to discover who they are, who they have been, and who women are yet to become.

A "Homecoming" workshop for divorced and single parents will be held from August 24-26. Through the symbol of homecoming, participants will find ways to come to wholeness and holiness by coming home to self, their family, community, and God.

Midge Miles is a

freelance teacher, workshop and retreat director from Amherst. She is currently concerned with the relationship between image and spirituality.

Michael Moran, C.P. and Robert Joerger, C.P. will conduct a "Living the Desert Experience" on the weekend of August 24-26. This program is open to all who seek time and space to live sanely and creatively in our noisy, busy world. The journey to one's inner desert enables one to deepen the Divine Presence within and become more conscious of it without.

For more information on these workshops, as well as on other Genesis summer programs such as the Enneagram Workshop, the Intensive Journal and Centering Programs, contact Genesis, 53 Mill Street, Westfield, at 562-3627.

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William Herd put forth a motion to discuss Caputo's performance to date, along with the nepotism charges in executive session. Herd's move followed a Landers motion to place Caputo's stewardship on the line that was defeated.

But Nardi would have no part of an executive session and stated, "This entire matter has been played up in the papers and everybody knows it. The public deserves to hear this thing in an open forum with all charges brought forth. Then we can decide if the Manager is guilty or vindicated."

Once the agenda was completed and the new agenda item was debated, Caputo again denied the charges and asked Landers to cite specific instances of patronage at Town Hall. Landers declined to back up his claims of nepotism due to possible civil action from those he could name as receiving municipal jobs in that manner.

"Happily Comply"

Caputo said rather flatly that as far as he was concerned, the hiring of relatives of elected officials or department heads at Town Hall would not take place in the future. He declared that patronage, as Landers claimed in the Barnes case, was not practiced in local government during his tenure as municipal chief. Caputo said he would "happily comply" with the Council's wishes on employment.

Barnes, who had remained silent during the discussion, said that his reasons for abstaining from any vote at that time were due to his involvement in the situation. Visibly angered by the matter and charges from an anonymous councilor that "Caputo now owns Barnes" because of the Councilor's daughter's

employment in the Parks Department, Barnes ardently stated, "No one owns Ken Barnes, and if you check my voting record since Mr. Caputo came into this town, you will find out exactly where I stand."

According to Landers, the nepotism at Town Hall is a very serious problem. He further contended that municipal employees, especially various department heads, were "disgusted" with Caputo's performance. The Councilor said the Manager's problems with municipal unions also merited examining his stewardship.

Most Vocal

Theroux, perhaps the most vocal against the Landers move, scored his colleague for "babbling and sensationalizing" the accusations to the local media before bringing it to the council's attention.

"I'm not here to defend the Town Manager, but to dispute the manner in which Mr. Landers brought it before the community. Since the Council is Caputo's employer, it should have been brought first to our attention instead of through the Springfield papers," Theroux remarked. Earlier in the year, Landers had accused Theroux of withholding letters from the Council from citizens in the community who opposed a proposed dog racing track on Silver Street. Landers had demanded that Theroux resign as Council President, but never followed through with his demand.

Absent from the vote were Councilors Alfred Serra, Paul Fieldstad, and John Bartnik. According to Theroux, the absence of the three councilors from the session was a true indication that "the whole affair was just a puff of smoke."



Daniel Webster Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webster Sr. of 51 Royal Lane, Agawam, practices for who knows what???? photo by Jack Devine

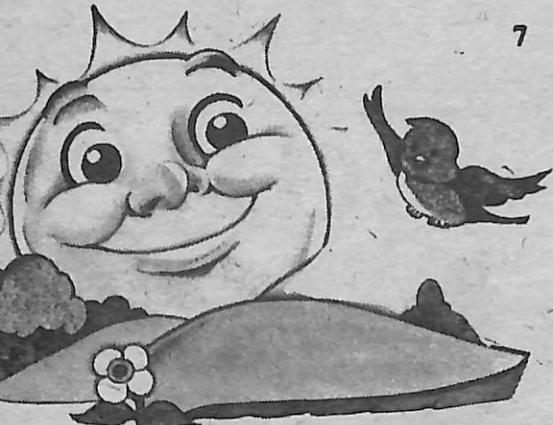
Outdoor Center For Girls to Begin

Carolyn Widmer of Parker Street, Agawam, will direct an outdoor center for girls at the Mawaga Sportsman's Club on Adams Street. The center will be open Monday through Friday during the weeks of July 9th, July 16th, and July 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Any girl age 6 to 17 is invited to participate. The fee is \$1.50 per day or \$7 per week.

The outdoor center, sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council and staffed by trained Girl Scout adults, will offer a variety of activities:

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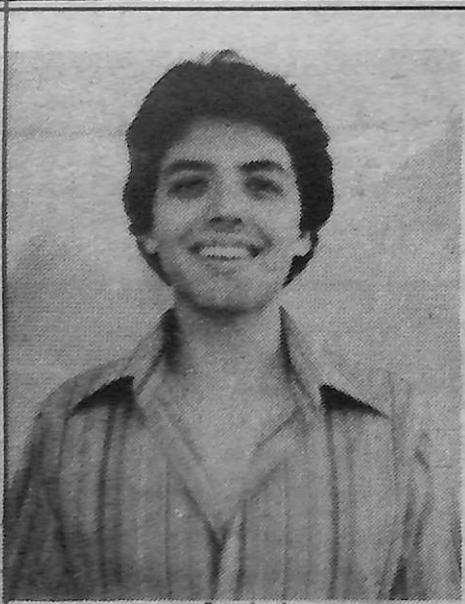
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Because of my annual opposition to the Max Education program at Agawam High School, I believe it best to explain my opposition.

Since 1973, all members of the School Committee have received an annual report of programs, prepared by the program director, that has contained many recommendations and criticisms by the high school staff.

I have always valued these reports and recommendations from our staff, for they come from highly trained professionals who are the first to recognize any student academic problems. It is they who are responsible for the day-to-day educational progress of our youth.

As a School Committeeman, it is my duty and responsibility to study and evaluate these reports to determine if a program is to be continued.

To remain on the Max Ed program, students are not allowed to have any failing grades. However, the failure rate of students on this program has grown alarmingly each succeeding year since 1973.

In 1973-74, 293 senior students participated in the program with a failure rate of 22% in one or more subjects. A staff survey revealed the following. Should the program continue? 29 no- 8 yes. Does program have educational value? 40 no-8 yes.

Staff criticisms were as follows: 1. program more social than academic; 2. few educational acceptances; 3. seniors avoiding difficult subjects; 4. supervision too loose.

In 1974-75, 282 seniors were in the program. The failure rate was 18% in one or more subjects. Again staff survey revealed the following: Educational value? 28 no- 20 yes. Should program continue? 26 no- 18 yes.

Staff criticisms were 1. not educationally oriented; 2. seniors taking easy courses; 3. stricter enforcement needed.

In 1975-76, 395 seniors participated. The annual failure rate was 21%. Faculty responses were educational value? 17 no- 3 yes. Criticisms were 1. not enough checks on students; 2. serious attendance problems; and 3. staff does not have enough time for students.

In 1976-77, 299 students were in the program. The failure rate was 25% in one or more subjects. Criticisms by staff were 1. no student responsibility; 2. stricter enforcement needed; and 3. not enough time for students.

In 1978-79, 364 students participated in the program. The total failure rate was 33%. Staff

criticisms were 1. keep students out of hallways; 2. more academic work; and 3. stricter enforcement needed.

It would appear that the program lacks accountability from the students, thus being conducive to failure, and serves no academic purpose. Also to be concluded from these reports is that student removal from the program because of failures and the annual staff recommendations on supervision are possibly related to discipline at the high school.

We have an annual rate of approximately 40% that go on to higher education. My deepest concerns are with those who do not. For these students, high school is the last formal education that they will ever receive. I strongly believe that students should be required to accept all the educational programs available to them for survival in a highly competitive world that they soon will enter.

School Committeeman
Walter A. Balboni
188 Walnut Street
Agawam

To The Editor: Last week's comments by Ric Sardella in your Viewpoint column referred to problems that existed during Town Manager James Westman's administration as the "Westman Wars."

Mr. Sardella's contention that Manager Peter Caputo brought peace and stability to Agawam is true only in part. If we analyze the entire past situation closely, I'm sure that we would all agree that the voters at the last election, months prior to Mr. Caputo's appointment, settled the so-called "Westman Wars."

They ousted from the Town Council four of the anti-Westman councilors. A fifth chose not to seek re-election, but made an attempt to gain the State Representative seat. He, too, was soundly defeated.

I believe that the voter action was a vote of confidence in Westman's administration and support for the Council/Manager form of government.

With a little further analyzing, facts reveal that the move to establish a mayor form of government didn't take place until the last attempt to remove Westman failed.

As for the present Town Council, they should keep in mind that, administratively, a "good council" will be a council whose members do not interfere in the day-to-day administration of town government, and who refrain from asking the Town Manager for confidential favors, either on

their own behalf or on behalf of constituents.

Sincerely,
Andrew C. Gallano

To The Editor:

In these trying times of endless gas lines, smothering prices, and nuclear unrest, we need the kind of diversion that restores our faith and renews admiration in our fellow man.

Observing one man instruct and lead the 5 and 6 year old "Yankees" of the Agawam Little League, Instructional division, certainly gave me that lift this past baseball season.

Like a breath of fresh air, Rick Henry's easy-going manner was instrumental in overcoming the "growing pains" of some of the youngsters who, at the onset of the

season, were scarcely able to hit or catch a ball, let alone display any teamwork. At the end of the season, this spirited bunch under the kid-glove treatment of Rick, were somewhat miraculously a smooth-running team undefeated all season.

It was not only their record which impressed me, but it was also Rick's style - an extraordinary teacher, always encouraging the team, but never overlooking that individual, one-to-one conference or sensing when a joke will do the most good. May more and more of our youngsters have the privilege of being coached by a superior teacher and a fine person, Rick Henry.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandra Hoffman
65 Day Street

Agawam's Big Fourth: Another Big Success

By Ric Sardella

For the fourth consecutive year, Agawam's version of the "Big Fourth" was another sterling success. Scheduled fireworks, a road race, a parade, and the town picnic left many residents with the feeling that cars and gas lines could be forgotten for the time being. The roster of local events was far too appealing for holiday travel and fuel aggravation for many townsfolk.

The fireworks display at the Agawam High School kicked off the holiday celebration Saturday, June 30th. With dark and ominous rain clouds hovering over the community the next morning, the first annual Donald Nardi Memorial Road Race was held. The holiday parade, complete with mobile units of the Shriners, delighted the good turnout along the Springfield Street route.

Although the parade turnout could have been better, the overflow of residents who crammed the grounds of the Polish American Club for the annual holiday picnic was a true indication that the local scene was not a bad proposition on such an important day for Americans. Officials estimated the gathering near the 5,000 mark. It was clearly the social event of the year for the community.

While the politicians and local bureaucrats were strutting their stuff, and the tiny tots and not-so-tiny tots were enjoying the many activities provided by Town Hall, somewhere, lost in the holiday spirit, was the acclaim due to the dedicated group of townspeople who assembled this highly successful array of events.

This small special events committee, the same one which has been responsible for all previous Big Fourth celebrations since the Bicentennial bash in 1976, is, according to Parks and Recreation Director Jack Kunasek, who also serves as chairman of the July 4th committee, "a very dedicated bunch of people who come through every year."

The line-up of civic minded citizens on the committee is as follows: Marcia Albano and Charlotte Venturini, parade; Ruth Zucco, special events; Bill Kushin and Ted Twarog, picnic; and Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, road race.

Kunasek pointed out that each member of the committee is a veteran of sorts in the planning of holiday fun; each individual has served four consecutive terms. According to the Parks Chief, over 200 hours of volunteer time has been expended since January 1. Just \$1,500 of the taxpayers hard-earned bucks is used for the entire program. The effort put forth in the spirit of civic duty far exceeds that figure as does the enjoyment the community as a whole receives from the celebration.

Although attendance at the parade was somewhat down this year (mainly due to cloudbursts prior to its kickoff), Kunasek said the appearance of the colorful Shriners made the trek a memorable one. "We certainly want the Shriners back next year," he added.

So the gas crunch and the disappointment of staying home the holiday weekend certainly did not appear to dampen the spirits of many local residents. "Pass the fried dough, please. Nobody can eat just one."

From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



The gas shortage - by now everyone, I'm sure, is sick of hearing about it. Real or not, the 'shortage' is sure to affect us all in some way. We might simply be inconvenienced by waiting in a gas line, or we may alter plans for a trip - or cancel altogether - if it appears that we may be stranded somewhere without enough gas to get us home again.

We've just returned from California - you remember that place that had the long gas lines about six weeks ago? Well let me assure you that California has no visible gas shortage now. The only things that remain to remind us of the once long gas line and panic buying are the odd-even gas buying, and the dollar per gallon price. Cars by the thousands - probably by the millions - pass along California's vast freeway system every day of the week. Most of these cars are occupied by only one person, for the car-van pool attempts made by the state have apparently failed. Many of the Californians I spoke with, upon hearing that I was from the Northeast, smiled and told me that we in Massachusetts should get a governor like Jerry Brown. After all they said, he was able to divert gas allocated to New England and have it sent out west, perhaps we could get a governor to get it back!!!

It was infuriating, but I'm getting off on a tangent I'm not prepared to continue with just now. What I do want to say is that real or not, the gas shortage is bound to affect us this summer in some fashion or other. Long trips to the beach, shopping or whatever may have to be delayed or even cancelled. It is a good time to look around our town and discover the many things Agawam has to offer its citizens.

You won't have to drive very far to enjoy a fun day at Riverside Park, or the Rollaway - if you like to roller skate. You could picnic at Robinson State Park and swim at the State Pool on Maynard Street. The playgrounds in town offer summer programs for the kids, and there's no finer place for children, or the whole family for that matter, than the YMCA family center on Perry Lane. Bowling and billiards are offered at the Agawam Bowl and the Rack n Cue respectively.

Village Cinema, close by in Suffield, has matinees for the kids and movies of every variety in the evening. Mushy's Miniature Golf on Main Street offers fun for the entire family, and those of you who like baseball, Riley's Batting Cage gives you a chance to test your ability at hitting a ball with a bat.

The tennis courts in town are available for all of us to use, and the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club on Tennis Road offers outdoor as well as indoor tennis for its members.

Agawam also has a number of fine restaurants which offer everything from light lunches and dinners to complete seven course meals. The Silver Carriage Inn now offers a dinner theater on weekends. Along with restaurants, Agawam also has a variety of night spots - to fit every taste and budget.

Shopping in Agawam also offers just about everything you might need from sporting goods to foodstuffs to fine meats to hardware items, clothes, furniture, curios, appliances, liquor, pharmaceuticals, musical equipment and pet supplies.

Let us not forget all of the services offered by local laundries, barbers, hairdressers, dentists, doctors, t.v. repair, autos, etc., etc., etc.

Let us not forget to make good use of our beautiful new library and its many programs, or one of the bingo games held here in town.

The list is extensive, almost endless. The point I'm trying to make is that now, when we must all watch our gas consumption with a cautious eye, why not take advantage of the things found here in Agawam, or close by - I think you'll find no need to travel very far to find what you need, when you need it.

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Effort To Remove Caputo Was More Than Meets The Eye

By Ric Sardella

"Ah, the whole thing was just a bunch of nonsense and humbug."

Those were the words of a local resident who had just witnessed the first serious attempt to question the performance of Town Manager Peter Caputo and his stewardship as chief administrator of the community.

Charade To Oust Caputo

While most residents at the Council's July 2nd meeting fostered similar sentiments as this individual about the charade to oust Caputo from office, it should be pointed out that a number of interesting and quite subtle events transpired at the meeting.

The most obvious reason for the claim that the meeting was a "bunch of nonsense and humbug" was the failure by Councilor Floyd Landers to mount any noteworthy support for his previously-proclaimed intention to remove Caputo from office.

Prior to the meeting, accusations by Landers charged Caputo with nepotism in the hiring of Councilor Kenneth Barnes' daughter for a position in the Parks Department. Landers declared that patronage was a serious problem at Town Hall and that Caputo's appointments to various municipal boards were indicative of this allegation. The Councilor demanded that the Manager forward a list of all municipal employees who were related to department heads and elected officials or resign his post.

Failed Miserably

Naturally, Caputo denied the charges and refused to step down. Landers failed miserably to present any documented or concrete evidence of his accusations. It is a well-known fact that there exists bad blood between Landers and Barnes. Reason number one for Landers' gambit. It is also a widely-acknowledged fact that Landers was simply a front and a platform for nameless political enigmas in the community that will not rest until a mayor-form of government is bestowed upon Agawam.

With the upcoming special referendum question in November that finds the electorate holding the key to Agawam's political future, the Landers' ploy was an early pot shot at the town's present form of rule. As mentioned in last week's column, by stirring up a James Westman-like situation in the Caputo administration, it places both the Manager and this form of government in the forefront of chaos and controversy. Reason number two for the Landers' move.

Significant Politicking

Although the insurgent councilor received most of the accolade and acclaim in the pre- and post-meeting clamor, his charade to oust Caputo served little importance in the evening's overall picture. The most significant politicking was fostered by Councilors Barnes, William Herd, Frederick Nardi, and Richard Theroux. And it was with these gentlemen where the real face of the evening took form.

An initial attempt by Landers to suspend the rules and place a motion to fire Caputo on the agenda

failed by a 7-4-1 vote. Herd then came forward. He asked for a suspension of the rules to place an item on the agenda that would discuss Caputo's 18-month performance as town manager and, of course, the Landers' charges behind closed doors.

When Landers took his much-publicized poll of all the councilors prior to the meeting, some observers, including myself, felt that a motion to fire Caputo would result in a tight vote. It became quite obvious as the dialogue progressed that Herd and colleague Paul Paleologopoulos could have balloted to nix Caputo if it came to that. But both councilors wanted to "let it all hang out" in executive session.

No Executive Session

Nardi emphatically disagreed with the executive session move. The long-time veteran of local politics, in his usual fashion, wished to clear the air in view of the public. Nardi received his wish. Later on when the actual debate took place, both Herd and Paleologopoulos remained fairly complacent before Herd again came forward with another motion.

Barnes, who abstained from participating in the entire dialogue because he was implicated in the matter, maintained a high degree of tolerance and integrity under the gun. While Landers was blasting away in the Springfield papers and an anonymous councilor stated that "Caputo now owns Barnes," Barnes remained neutral and took a non-aggressive posture against his accusers. By doing so, Barnes refused to acknowledge the whole episode as anything more than a cheap and dirty trick on him and his family.

Long-Time Supporter

Ironically, it was Theroux, the long-time supporter of the manager form of government and of Caputo, who sponsored the motion that would have finalized Caputo's stewardship.

Theroux' motives were sound politics. It became apparent as the dialogue progressed that Landers had no solid grounds against Caputo. In fact, Landers refused to state his case because he claimed that by naming the municipal employees who had received their positions through nepotism, it would leave him wide open for court action. So, Theroux confidently termed his motion as a vote of confidence for Caputo and not an attempt to fire him.

Herd, realizing that Caputo was about to receive Council support, made a motion to table Theroux' proposal indefinitely. Herd's move was an ingenious ploy. First, he took everyone off the firing line. No councilor was forced to buy or sell position on Caputo. This nullified Theroux' attempt to provide Caputo with a strong vote of confidence.

Secondly, by placing the discussion, a discussion that Herd wanted in executive session, on the table, the possibility remains that at some point in the future, a more organized and creditable effort to fire Caputo could materialize. Why not? The table setting is already there.

Protested Move

Nardi protested Herd's move. The veteran selectman-councilor apparently likes this present form of government at this time. Nardi contended that a vote one way or another was the only way to solve this latest attempt to discredit the council-manager charter. Herd's postponement proposal passed 8-2, with Nardi and Stephen Cincotta dissenting.

Although the Landers' gambit and its sensationalism stole the headlines, the political interplay amongst the councilors should be viewed with a watchful eye. In an election year and with that referendum question approaching, the pro-manager forces should remain at red alert.

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Sun. Aft.	2:30-5:30	\$1.00	.75	\$1.75
	Public Skating - All Ages			
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	Album Oriented Rock			



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Carmel Corner Slates Grand Re-Opening

Conceived as an elaborate specialty food store and restaurant and featuring a wide selection of imported and domestic foods, deli items, choice meats, fresh fruits and produce, luncheons and light dinners in the restaurant, Carmel Corner will re-open its doors on Tuesday, June 10th at 10 a.m.

In explaining the reasons for the expanded restaurant at Carmel Corner, Mrs. Mary C. Bonavita, owner, stated

"we believe today's consumer is looking for three aspects in a restaurant when dining out; quality, price and selection. In order to satisfy these consumer needs, we must have the space to serve our customers in the best way we can." While once again featuring its mouth-watering sandwiches, Carmel Corner has added a fine salad selection, tasty club's, hot and tasty platters, gourmet ice cream, and over-stuffed sandwiches with just a twist of the unusual.

Among the items available at the specialty food store, in addition to deli items, cheeses, and fancy fresh fruits and vegetables, will be a complete bakery and an all-new country fried chicken take out.

As for grand opening plans, Mrs. Bonavita noted that the store will feature many specials on a large variety of items.

Carmel Corner is located on the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets in Agawam, on Route 57.

See page 3 for our grand re-opening ad

Root Promoted at BayBank Valley

The Board of Directors of BayBank Valley has promoted Stephen S. Root to vice president; it was announced recently by Gordon N. Oakes, Jr., president.

Root is director of marketing responsible for marketing activities including research, advertising, public relations, and urban and community affairs.

He joined BayBank Valley in 1969 as a management trainee and held the positions of

assistant vice president.

Root graduated from Stonehill College (North Easton, MA), received a master's degree in business administration from Western New England College, and graduated from Bank Marketing School at the University of Colorado.

He serves as director of Stage West and is a

member of the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts, the Valley Press Club, the Springfield Exchange Club, and the National and New England Chapter of Bank Marketing Association.

He and his wife Jo Ann reside with their two children in Springfield.

Big D Stores Relocate

Albert Bonavita, chairman of the board of Big D Showcase of Carpets, recently announced that due to unpreceded volume of carpeting and floor covering sold in 1979, the present Boston Road location has become too small for current operations. A new location is being sought in the Greater Springfield area to better serve the needs of the carpet buyer.

Mr. Bonavita has negotiated the sale of the building to Mortimer and Charles Polep for the Paysaver stores.

Big D operations are expected to cease in August at the Boston Road location.

Big D Showcase of Carpets started in 1971 in a 600-square foot store in West Springfield and has grown to the largest retail carpeting and floor covering outlet in Western Massachusetts.

Mr. Bonavita said the rapid growth of Big D is attributed to selling quality carpeting and floor covering at a very low margin of profit and backing each sale with guaranteed satisfaction.

Free Tours Offered At Friendly's

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Men's Softball League Update

Valley Knife continues strong defense in the B National division.

This past week, the team pulled off two triple plays. Involved in the first were Bruce Weed, Mike Gildersleeve, and Bob Strezempak, and the team defeated the Insurance Center.

Involved in the second were Bruce Weed, Mike Gildersleeve, and Denis Pellisier, and the losing team was Baystate Woodworking.

This league plays nightly at Shea's Field and Borgatti Park.

STANDINGS

A DIVISION

Dante Club	12-0
The Buc's	10-2
Village Lounge	10-2
Gino's Pkg.	8-2
Showcase	10-3
Italian Sptg.	8-6
Buccaneer Lng.	8-7
Gove Realty	5-6

B DIVISION AMERICAN

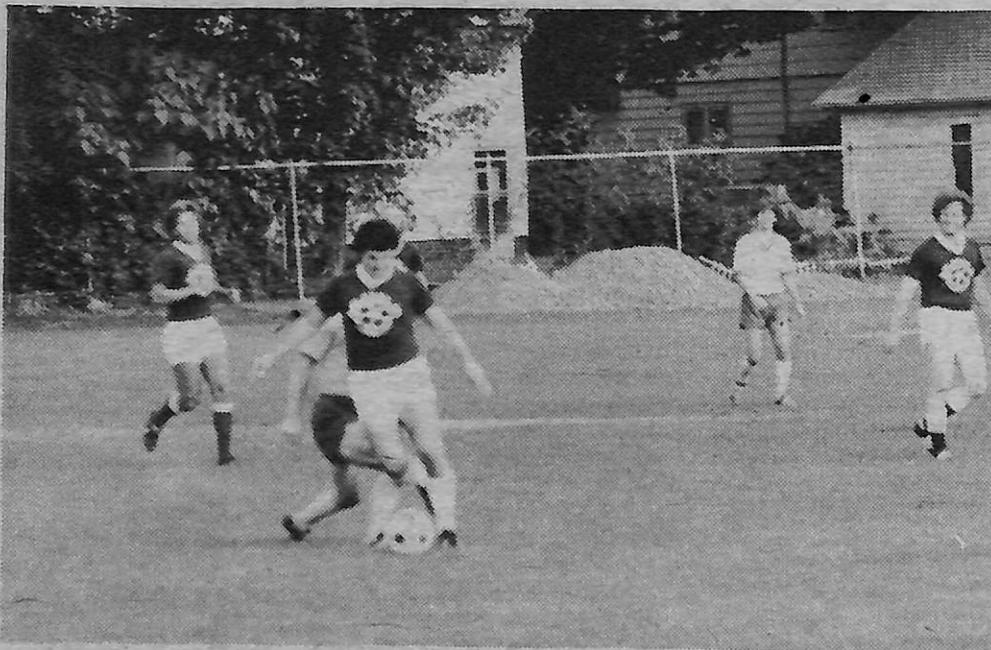
Agawam A's	10-4
Gary's Auto	10-5
Silver Carriage	9-5

Marchegian Club	6-9
Aga. Moose	5-8
Elbow Lounge	3-12
Jessica's Lng.	2-11
Village Lounge	2-12
Buccaneer Lounge	1-12
Joseph Liquors	1-13

NATIONAL

Agawam Turners	11-4
Broadleaf Auto	9-6
Insurance Center	9-6
Turcotte Mfg.	8-8
Service Master	6-9
Baystate Woodwkg.	6-10
Aga. Jaycees	4-13
Simon Container	0-16

Agawam Senior Soccer



Members of Agawam's Senior Division soccer team are pictured above. From left to right back row: Peter Sardella, Tim Scanlon, Mike Anderson, Greg Fuchs, Jim Bordurtha, Doug Janik, Chris Fuchs, and Paul Tonelli. Front row, same order: Kerry Lormier, John Devine, Dave Chase, Tom Depalo, Mark Fornier and Mike Bordurtha. photo by Jack Devine

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Vacation time has arrived, and there are many problems connected with trying to have a good time no matter what your vacation plans might be this year.

If you plan to be gone for a number of days, you will worry about the welfare of your houseplants, I'm sure. A kindly neighbor could be asked to come over and water every one, but often the kindness of the neighbor is too much for your plants and they get overwatered.

A solution to this situation is to slip a note under each pot as to when to water and how much. A thoughtful friend will be happy for the guidance.

If you decide not to impose on your friends or neighbors to babysit for your green friends, there are a couple of other ways

things can be kept under control. For the one or two plants that seem to need water almost every day, water the plant thoroughly the day before you leave and slip it into a clear plastic bag. Tie the top of the bag shut and put the plant in a well-lighted spot away from sunlight. This will create a

Vegetables In Family Meals

Are you looking for some ways to use all the local fresh vegetables you're finding available in your garden or at roadside stands?

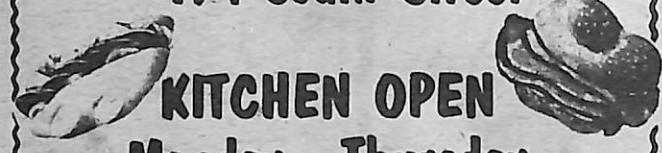
The Hampden County Extension Service will present "Vegetables In Family Meals" on Tuesday, July 17th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Extension offices, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, and on Tuesday, July 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Granville Public Library. Suzanne Gabriel will prepare a tasty green bean dish and also discuss the new U.S. Dietary Goals.

A packet containing many other new vegetable ideas will be available to all participants. Join us at either location. The program is free and open to the public regardless of race, color, or national origin.



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Sacred Heart Baseball

In a game held last Tuesday, July 3rd, a battle for first place occurred in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's 13-15 Division. The Dodgers fought the Royals, and the Royals prevailed 14-1.

The Royals lumber came alive with the power-hitting of John Kunasek, who had two homers, and a four-bagger by Ted Hopping. Mike Demarais pitched a fine one-hitter. A solid defensive effort was led by second baseman Darren Labonte.

There is a battle brewing for the fourth position in the playoffs among Bob Lloyd's Giants, John Beltrandi's Braves, and Eddie Dahdah's A's.

STANDINGS

13-15 DIVISION

Royals	9-2
Dodgers	9-2

Yankees	6-5
Braves	4-7
Giants	4-7
Athletics	4-7
Pirates	2-8

11-12 DIVISION

Angels	9-4
White Sox	9-4
Pirates	7-7
Yankees	6-7
Braves	5-6
Red Sox	2-10

9-10 DIVISION

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Red Sox	9-3
Yankees	6-4
Twins	3-7
Royals	2-10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brewers	8-3
Tigers	8-4
Dodgers	7-5
Astros	2-9

STOCKCAR RACES

By Larry Bouchard

Friday night at the Stafford Speedway, Richie Evans outraced Bugs Stevens to the line to make it win Number 30 for the season.

Stevens, who led the race until lap 12, had pressure from Ron Bouchard, who took the lead on lap 13. After two restarts, Bouchard was being pressured by Evans. On lap 20, Bouchard, after leading the race, pulled his beautifully-prepared, Troyer-built Pinto into the infield for the night.

After that, it was Evans all the way, with Stevens second, and then Ray Miller and Ken Bouchard.

Mark this date on your calendar - Tuesday, July 17th - for modified madness, 50 laps of green flag racing. In this all-out, anything-goes race, you will see wings, blowers, and 500 to 600 horsepower motors. Plan to attend this show and also plan to attend races at Stafford every Friday night starting at 8:00 sharp for racing at its best.

At Riverside Park Speedway, it was Reggie Ruggerio and Ed Flemke

taking top honors in the twin 50 lap events.

The first 50 was the rained-out race from last week which saw Reggie Ruggerio take the first main. This race looked like a demolition derby as car after car were being knocked out. Stan Gregor, who had to pull in the pits because of a flat tire, found the field and worked his way to second spot to apply heavy pressure to Ruggerio. The final finish was Ruggerio, Gregor, Flemke, and John Rosati.

In the second race, it was Ed Flemke who brought the 6,000 fans to their feet as he ran a beautiful race with heavy pressure from Ruggerio. Flemke's last win at the park was in 1959 when he took two wins. Following Flemke across the line was Ruggerio, who took over the point lead, Ray Miller, and Stan Gregor, who took third and fourth respectively.

Next week, it will be 100 laps of modified madness at the park. Come to the fastest 1/4-mile in New England. Starting time is 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Two fishing associations, the New England Pro BASS and the Massachusetts BASS Federation, have joined with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in assessing bass populations of some of the Commonwealth's larger bodies of water.

According to Peter Oatis, chief aquatic biologist for the Division, bass are particularly difficult to capture at certain times, especially if one is using routine gear such as nets and traps. Under the new agreement, a large number of bass taken at the bass tournaments will be tagged by division biologists and released. Anglers taking the tagged bass later on are requested to return the tag with information on the time and location of the capture to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Return of the bass tags will provide information on the relative exploitation rate of the species which, according to a recent survey, is the number one favorite of 40% of Massachusetts anglers. I question the 40% figure; I think that it's too high.

MASS. TURKEY

A history of the wild turkey in Massachusetts from abundance to extinction and back through a carefully-planned restoration program has been chronicled in a flyer issued by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Those looking ahead to a future turkey-hunting season and others interested in the status of wild turkeys may obtain a copy by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to I & E, Mass. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Westboro, MA 01581.



SQUIRREL WANTED
In January of this year, a strange and new disease began to affect the gray squirrels of Massachusetts. Caused by a parasitic mite, the disease is characterized by the loss of hair on the animal's body and a generally mangy appearance. As the disease progresses, the animal loses more and more of its hair and, in some cases, may become almost bald. This exposes the animal to the elements, weakening it and interfering with normal activities. Eventually, it leads to the animal's death. According to Chet McCord, chief of wildlife research for the Mass. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, the disease is not transmissible to humans or to cats and dogs.

The Division is currently studying the mange disease in gray squirrels. Anyone having information on the location of diseased squirrels or squirrels missing patches of hair is asked to call or write the Division in Westboro, Mass., at (617) 366-4470.

A complete listing of the mammals of Massachusetts prepared by Game Biologist James Cardoza has been published by the Division and is now available for distribution. To obtain a copy, send 45 cents in postage together with a clearly-printed return address label to Division Headquarters, Westboro, Mass. 01581.



Renovations to the High School ball fields was begun recently. The fields should be completed by the fall.

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Little League Highlights

SENIOR DIVISION

The Pirates won the Senior Division championship for the 1979 season under the direction of Mr. Ev Goodwin, manager, and George Groom and Patrick Buoniconti, both coaches. All of the team members played well and enthusiastically for the entire season and had an overall record of 14-4.

Ron Morgan, pitcher, had a superb season with a 7-1 record. He faced 229 batters and struck out 112, with an ERA of .49. He also came through with hits and good fielding.

George Groom, who also did pitching for the team, had the third highest batting average among the Pirates.

Paul Tatro, placing second for the team's batting average, did excellent fielding with great catches in the outfield.

Frank Rocca and Billy Champagne played errorless ball for the season.

Placing second on the team in stolen bases was John Franco, who also did well in the outfield.

Playing heads up defense was Paul Franco. Barry Wu and John Alves did a fine job playing first base.

Leading his team with bases on balls, Tony Buoniconti did a fine job at third base. Playing good defense in the infield was Billy Groom as he caught several high hits.

Utility player Eugene McLean played every position on the field this year, except for pitcher and center field.

Doing a great job behind the plate catching was Joey Warren, who had 140 put outs for the season. He also did good relief pitching.

Mark Goodwin had a very productive season, leading not only his team, but the division with a batting average of .404. In 52 times at bat, he struck out but once. His pitching record for the year was 5-1.

Congratulations to all the Pirate players and their coaches and manager for a fine season.

ALL-STAR SENIORS

We wish the following members the best as they begin the long schedule of the All Star games.

They are George Groom, Paul Tatro, Ron Morgan, Mark Goodwin, Tony Buoniconti, Mike Quill, John Franco, Ed Kraft, Frank Armstrong, Pat Sheehan, Bob Santiniello, Jeff Racine, Steve Kovalsky, Mark Noack, and Bob Desimone.

They will be managed by Mr. Jerry Quill and coached by Mr. George Blanchard.

MAJORS

The Indians played their last game of the season Tuesday, June 26th. They held the contenders for first place, the Red Sox, to a 5 hit ball game. This was due to the excellent pitching of Ron Viens, Phil Borrello, Michael Karam, and Jay Miller.

During the second round, the Indians improved and had a 5-3 record.

The Major Division decision resulted in play-off games, as was the situation last year, between the Red Sox and the Dodgers. The Dodgers were again this year's winners.

The first play-off game was Tuesday, July 3rd. The superb pitching of Dave Pemberton kept the Red Sox to 2 runs as he went for 6 innings.

Dennis Slech smacked a double in the third inning. Breaking a 2-2 tie in the 6th inning was Mark Stassen, first baseman, as he drove in 2 runs with a single.

All of the Dodgers played well in both the outfield and the infield. The final score was 4-2.

The Red Sox played well until the end of the game. Mike Stoper hit an important single, and also connecting were Bob Badone, SS, with a base hit and Scott Cofer, CF, with a double.

Good defensive fielding was done by Joe McLean as he played third base. Both teams put in a good effort.

The second game of the play-offs was held Thursday, July 5th, with the Red Sox going down to defeat to the Dodgers by a score of 14-2. Although the Red Sox put out a good effort, they just could not get ahead of the Dodgers as they got a large lead from the beginning.

Red Sox had good effort pitching from Barry McKay and Bob Wing. All the Dodgers were hitters for the night. Great pitching was done by Dennis Slech, who gave up only two hits for 6 innings.

The Dodger team, for the second year in succession, won the Major Division decision under the direction of Mr. Bob Desimone, manager, and Coaches Al Bonavita and Gary Desimone. Congratulations to the Dodgers.

ALL-STARS - MAJORS

The following players will be heading for the All Star games under the

coaching of Bill Egan and the managing of Dennis Kawa.

They are Scott Cofer, Barry McKay, Bob Wing, Mike Shayda, David Champagne, Chris White, Ronald Hannah, Anthony Antico, Todd Goodrich, Dennis Slech, Peter Sibilia, Dave Pemberton, Ted Malachowski, and Ron Viens.

Good luck and congratulations.

Even though there could be only one winner in the divisions, all those who played on Agawam Little League teams were winners. It was an exciting and fun-filled season, enjoyed by both the players and the spectators.

This league was successfully guided under the supervision of President Jerry Sibilia. He did an outstanding job, giving hours of his time and support. Thank you from all those involved.

PLEASE NOTE: ANYONE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11 & 12. If you wish to play a few more weeks of baseball, Mr. Borrello has gladly volunteered his time to set up time for this. If you are interested, please contact him this week at 789-0425.

MINOR DIVISION

Game 1: Yankees over Red Sox 17-6.

Hitters for the Yankees were Tom Owens with 2 doubles and Allen Boucher, a single. Good fielding was performed by third baseman Phil Barry and first baseman Allen Boucher.

Although the Red Sox had a game with many hits, they just couldn't pull ahead. Singles were hit by Jeff Dietschler, Mike Nicora, Darren McDonald, and Dave Laudato. Hot with the bat was Dennis McDonald with a double and two singles. David Webster connected with a home run.

Game 2: Dodgers over Orioles 5-3.

This was a well-played game. Good fielding was done by Dodger Mike Loomer, first base; Mike Melanson, SS; and Lance Buoniconti, pitcher. Hit-

ting for the Dodgers were singles by Lance Buoniconti and Darren Byrne. Mike Morace had two singles while Mike Melanson had a triple and a single.

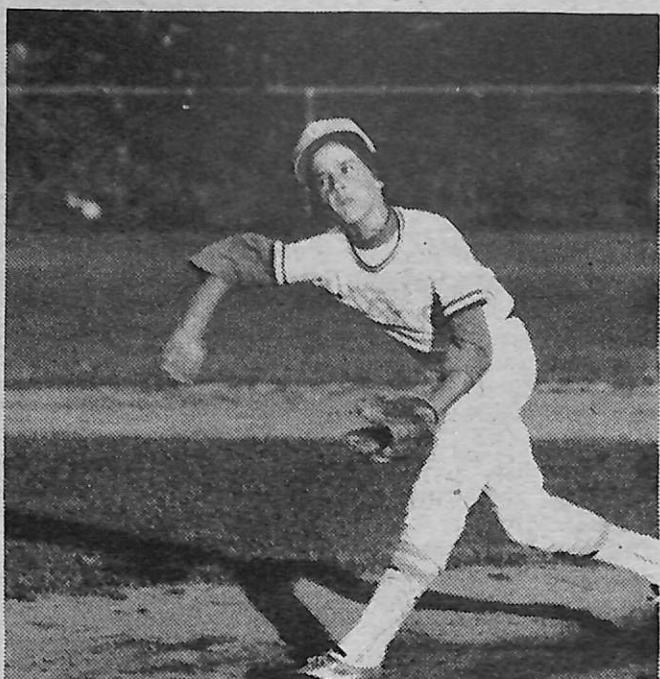
The Orioles scored all their runs in the first three innings. Jim Longhi, first base, and SS Mike Ibbotson made good fielding plays.

Game 3: Mets over the Indians 8-7.

This was another well-played game. Both teams had hitters, and good fielding and accurate pitching kept the game to this close squeeze.

Hitting for the Mets were Kevin O'Connor with a triple and a double. Peter Borey smashed a double.

Hot bats were flashed by Scott Schuman, a single, and Tom Waltz with a double. Matt Blackburn looked them over as he collected three walks.



Dennis Slech, major division Little League pitcher for the championship team. photo by Jack Devine



Members of one of the Agawam Little League's instructional baseball teams are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Gary Nardi, Alan Boucher, Joey Antico, Jason Ferris, Phil Barry, and Tom Owens. Back row, same order: Assistant coach Jon Ferris, Jim Russell, Justin Zabik, Mark Calvanese, Kurt Cormier, Jason Zabik, Mike O'Connor, and coach Gary Nardi. photo by Jack Devine

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by Charles Duclos

4th Fantastic

This writer would be hard-pressed to say that there was nothing to do last week to celebrate the Fourth of July. A hectic period began on Sunday morning at 8:15 when Bill O'Brien telephoned that our kids were needed to pass out water to those participating in the Don Nardi Memorial Road Race.

I felt like a runner myself as the "troops," Dave, Michelle, and Deanne, were practically dragged from their beds, rushed to mass in West Springfield for 9, and then scooted out to the Agawam Junior High School for 10. Dunkin' Donuts saved the day for breakfast, and the kids were placed in strategic spots; the race was on.

The parade in the afternoon wended its way up Springfield Street in Feeding Hills to the Polish Club and was well-received by a most enthusiastic viewing crowd. An afternoon of eating, dancing, and playing a variety of games "ate up" the time and sent the family home in the early evening with thoughts of looking forward to next year's.

23rd and Strong

We have been attending a street party in the neighborhood for the past several years to celebrate the 4th. It's a most relaxing way to spend the holiday, especially these days with limited gas; but most of all, it's nice not to have to be on the highways during a major travel day. The Lexington Street fiesta extends over a period of a day and a half when the hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and the rest of the items associated with picnics cause us to throw caution to the winds and the bathroom scales are put aside for a few days.

It was pointed out by one of the coordinators of the event, Mrs. Winnie (Richard) Mastroianni, that this is the 23rd year that the families of the street have gathered together. During that time, there have been many changes, especially in the faces of the participants. A few of the original families have moved from the area. In other instances, the children of the pioneers of this day of easy living have now married and produced offspring of their own

who fill the day with laughter, crying, funny antics, unquenchable thirst, and ravenous appetites.

By the looks of things the event will continue for at least another 23; this projection is based on the number of toddlers and teenagers in attendance.

Garbage Disposals - Why?

A few years ago when my wife and I were considering the updating of our kitchen, my bride decided that a garbage disposal was an absolute necessity. At that time, we had a dog and four healthy children, and it seemed that a gadget of that financial magnitude was an unnecessary expenditure, especially when virtually nothing was being dumped into the container in the yard. Rather, everything was being devoured by our rosy-cheeked cherubs and their playful playmate tied to the tree outside.

Nevertheless, my vote didn't count and we purchased the aforementioned item. Now I can assure you that it was not one of those that would fall apart the next year, but one that was guaranteed to last my lifetime, my children's, and their children's.

I can honestly say, and if the other members of the family speak honestly, that our disposal is one of the most expensive items in the house, uses the least amount of electricity (it's rarely used), and is the only quiet thing around.

But we have one because the Joneses have one, so do the next-door neighbors, and the neighbors next to them, and no family should be without one in today's modern society.

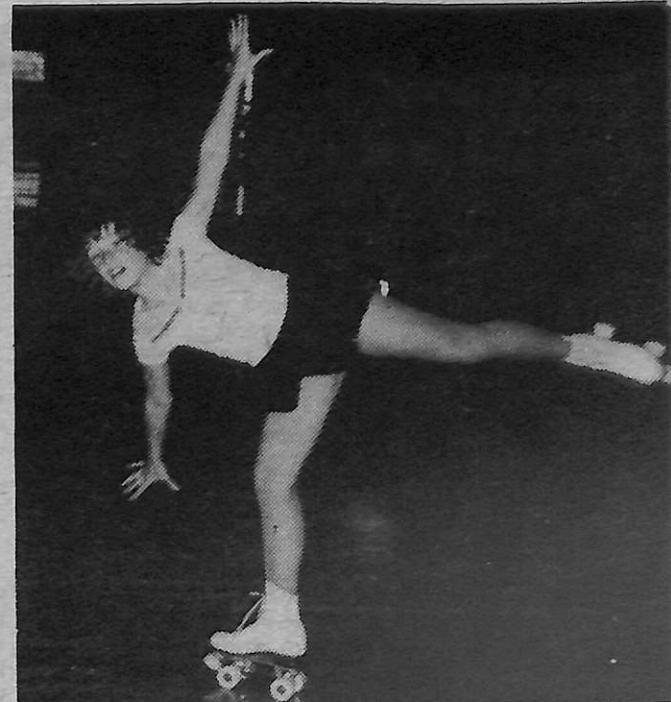
I still plead my case and am very proud of the fact that I voted against it; but when I look at the human, teenage disposals cheating the machine from earning its keep in the kitchen, I still feel, "Who needs it?"



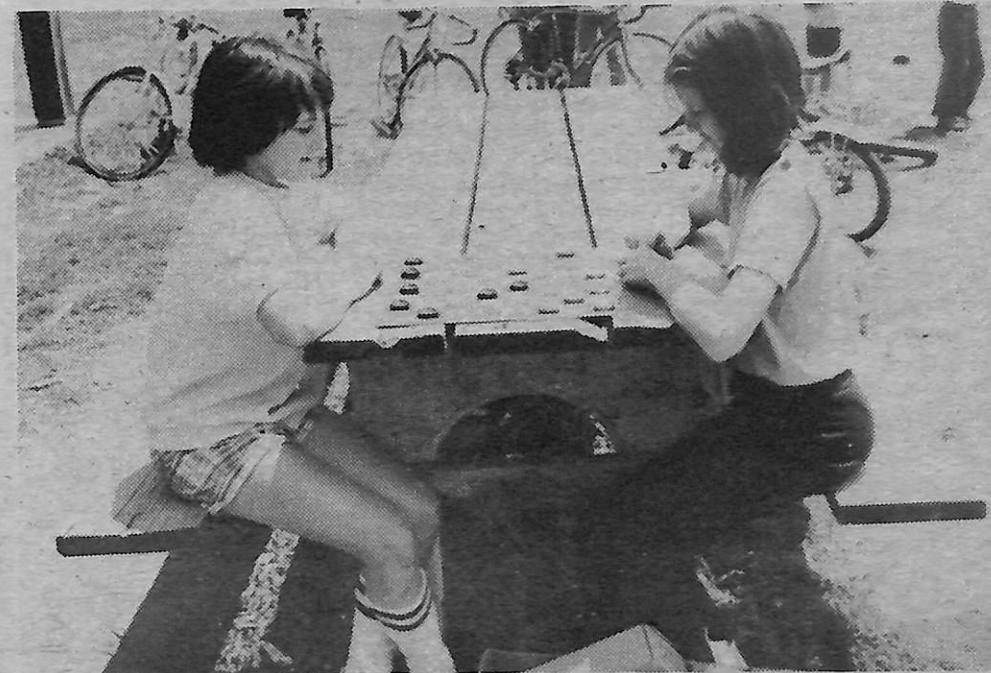
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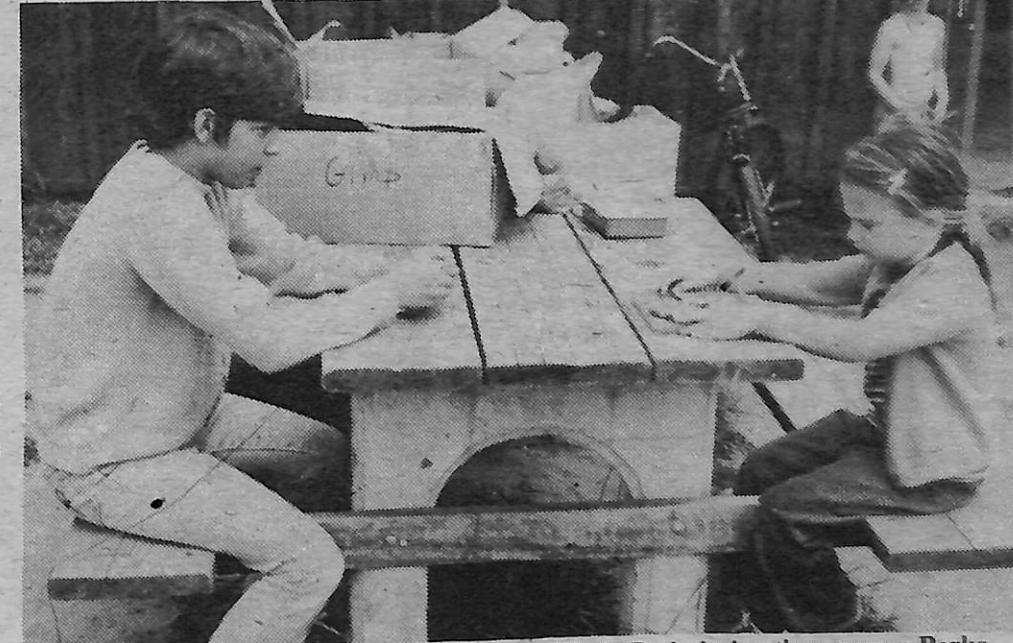
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Laura Percope, 11 years old, practices her roller skating form at the Rollaway in Agawam. photo by Jack Devine



Enjoying the playground at Wade Park in Feeding Hills are Kelli Trudel, left, age 10, and Joanne Cantyco, also age 10. photo by Jack Devine



Mike Judkins and Lisa Mackenzie enjoy Wade Park during the summer Parks and Rec program. photo by Jack Devine.

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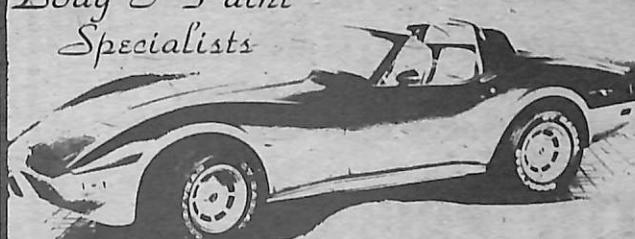
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Heart Golf Day Slated For Local Courses



The American Heart Association, Western Mass. Division, will host the Tenth Annual Heart Golf Week July 14-22 as announced by Bob Harlinski, pro at Westover Golf Course and Heart Golf Chairman.

The Heart Golf Nearest-The-Pin Contest is the largest fundraising event of the year. In past years, Golf Week has raised over \$36,000 for the Heart Association. This year, it will be held at over 40 golf courses in the three-county region.

A \$1.00 donation at the par three hole of any participating course will enable the golfer to have his tee shot measured for the Nearest-The-Pin event. Prizes will be awarded at each course for the player coming closest to the pin. A trophy donated by Newell Nissenbaum, owner of Frederick's Jewelers, will go to the golfer scoring a hole-in-one. The 18 and 9 hole clubs which raise the most money for Heart will be awarded the coveted Winneman Cup. Last

year's winners were Bob Harlinski, Westover Golf Course, and Ed Twohig Jr., Northampton Country Club.

The following golf courses will sponsor the event this year:

Weekend of July 14 & 15: Agawam C.C., Crestview C.C., Franconia, Hampden C.C., Ludlow C.C., Oxford C.C., Quabog C.C., Shaker Farms C.C., Springfield C.C., Tekoa C.C., Veterans Memorial, Westover.

Weekend of July 21 & 22: Chicopee, East Mountain C.C., Edgewood, Elmcrest C.C., Longmeadow C.C., Oak Ridge, Pine Knoll. Others: Twin Hills C.C., C.C. of Wilbraham, Wyckoff Park C.C.

All proceeds will aid the research and educational programs of the Heart Association in its efforts to combat heart disease, the nation's number one killer.

Anyone who hasn't been to the Agawam Y this year is in for a very pleasant experience. There is a new "feel" at the Outdoor Center at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street, and it feels real good.

The new Y began last year when the Director, George Steffey, sought to give the facility a new image by calling it the "Family Center," offered half price memberships to new family members, and then went about soliciting folks to form a YMCA Family Center Committee. The committee came together under the leadership of Mary Ann Dietschler; and approximately 10 people worked hard last fall, winter, and spring to create the "new feel."

And what a beautiful place they have created. Backed by the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA Board of Directors and staff, the tennis courts have been completely resurfaced and a new concrete block bathhouse built. With the support of the Agawam Lions Chicken Barbeques, money has been raised to do landscaping and build a rustic playground. And

the committee themselves have done most of the work.

The showplace event was June 24 when the Lions hosted another barbecue, there was a Fun Run Road Race, tennis mixers, and a Puppet Theater presentation. Two to three hundred people stayed around, ate, played volleyball and softball, and simply enjoyed the feel of the place. There are flowers planted down by the pavilion, a post and rail fence above the driveway, and the swimming pool was freshly painted and is crystal clear. It is well worth a visit to simply see the place. You will be as impressed as those who so much enjoyed the day on the 24th.

Several other features have also been added. There is a program assistant on hand about four day a week to give youth tennis lessons, run arts and crafts, teach cheerleading, give women exercise classes, and run special events like the pet contest held this past Sunday, July 8th. A couple pot-luck picnics with games are planned as well as much activity around the tennis courts and

enough athletic equipment from on earth ball to horseshoes to suit everyone.

The big event of the year, according to some members, is coming up this Saturday night, July 14th, when a \$25.00 per couple dinner-dance will be held at poolside with the Purple Onion catering and Thursday's Child providing the music.

Other events have also contributed to the great "feel" of the facility; like the Jack Devine Heart Fund Tennis Classic and the March of Dimes Tennis Tournament, both held at the Y courts this year.

It is good to feel and see the YMCA offering to Agawam the first class programs and facilities they are so noted for. And the price feels good too, at only \$95.00 per family and \$60.00 per individual adult.

"Some people hear about it and think it is too good to be true", said Mr. Steffey. "But it's really all there, with the best of staff; and much of the time the pool and tennis courts are almost empty."

Membership more than doubled after Mr. Steffey took over last year, but

still the number of families that the facility can accommodate has not reached its halfway point.

Mr. Steffey believes several factors are contributing to the low membership. They are, according to him, "Several years of practically no promotion, a neglected facility over the years, and some discontent over the Y among previous Agawam supporters. But all of that is very much in the process of changing, and I am sure the new feel that is present will soon be felt throughout the town. The word is getting out that we are offering not the only best deal around, but also a very positive family atmosphere and the most competent of staff."

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